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Responses to Hepatitis C Virus Using Peptide and Nucleic Acid

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First Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement

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A copy of document AS27 is included. Copies of all other documents were cited by or submitted to the Office in an IDS that complies with 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)-(c) in Application No. 09/357,737, Sette et al., filed July 19, 1999, which is relied upon for an earlier filing date under 35 U.S.C. § 120. Thus, copies of these documents are not attached. 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(d).

The Examiner's attention is directed to the following co-pending U.S. Patent Applications, which are directed to related technical subject matter:

- U.S. Patent Application No. 08/205,713, Grey *et al.*, filed March 4, 1994 and was submitted to the United States Patent and Trademark Office in a First Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement in Appl. No. 09/357,737 on March 18, 2004 as document **AS26**;
- U.S. Patent Application No. 08/347,610, Kubo *et al.*, filed December 1, 1994 and was submitted to the United States Patent and Trademark Office in a First Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement in Appl. No. 09/357,737 on March 18, 2004 as document **AT26**;
- U.S. Patent Application No. 09/017,524, Kubo *et al.*, filed February 3, 1998 and was submitted to the United States Patent and Trademark Office in a First Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement in Appl. No. 09/357,737 on March 18, 2004 as document **AR27**; and
- U.S. Patent Application No. 09/357,737, Sette *et al.*, filed July 19, 1999 and submitted herewith as document **AS27**.

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